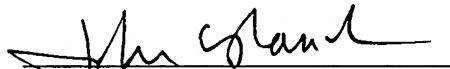


REMARKS

The application was filed March 19, 2004 with informal drawings. By this preliminary amendment, 14 pages of formal drawings including FIGS. 1-14 are substituted for the informal drawings filed with the application. No new matter is added by this amendment.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for early examination on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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